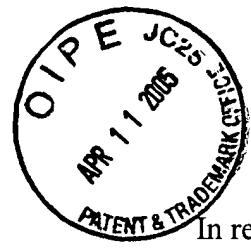


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005, please amend this application and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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